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Klamath National Forest Welcomes New Salmon/Scott River District Ranger

Yreka, CA – The Klamath National Forest would like to announce and welcome **Dave Hays** as the new district ranger for the Salmon/Scott River Ranger District.

Dave comes to the Forest Service from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in Winnemucca, Nevada where he served as field manager for the Black Rock Field Office. Dave worked with the BLM in Winnemucca for nearly six years, having first served as assistant field manager for nonrenewable resources. Prior to working for the BLM, Dave spent twelve years with the US Army Corps of Engineers in Washington State as a park ranger and park manager. Before starting his federal career, Hays taught junior high school in his hometown, Sacramento, California.

Dave holds a bachelor's degree in resource conservation from the University of Montana and a master's in rangeland ecosystem science from Colorado State University. His education also includes a B.A. and M.A in English from California State University, Sacramento.

For many years, Dave has been involved in volunteer and part-time emergency services. In Washington State, he was part of two rural fire districts where he worked as an emergency medical technician (EMT), firefighter, and fire lieutenant. While living in Nevada, Dave worked as a part-time EMT-Intermediate with a local hospital-based Emergency Medical Services(EMS)--Rescue unit. Dave was also active with the BLM's fire management program in a variety of roles.

Dave enjoys a variety of outdoor activities, including bicycling, hiking, fishing, hunting, and swimming. He looks forward to exploring northern California's great recreational opportunities.

The ranger district office is located at 11263 North Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032-9702. The telephone number for the main office is (530) 468-5351.

